Groundwater contaminated by arsenic in 20 districts of U.P

3973. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether a recently conducted survey aided by UNICEF in Uttar Pradesh revealed that in more than 20 districts covering 322 development blocks, the groundwater was found to be contaminated by arsenic;

if so, to what extent on an average, the arsenic contamination was found to be excessive beyond the permissible limit of 0.05 mg per litre; and

whether the Centre would expedite similar surveys on all areas in the country, prone to arsenic/lead contamination of groundwater?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) In the survey, arsenic contamination in groundwater in 62 development blocks of 20 districts has been detected.

Drinking water of 2610 handpumps in 62 development blocks of 20 districts has been found to contain arsenic beyond permissible limit.

Continuous Monitoring and surveillance of drinking water quality under National Rural Drinking Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance Programme has been introduced from 2006 to detect chemical contamination including arsenic contamination. The programme aims at testing of water samples of all drinking water sources in the rural areas.

Allocation for SGRY

† 3974. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

the amount allocated by Government for the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) during the last three years;

the State-wise details of amount spent under this scheme during the said period;

whether it is a fact that the amount allocated for this scheme was not received during this period; and

if so, the amount to be allocated by Government for this scheme during the years 2008-09?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The amount allocated to the States/Union Territories under the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) during the last three years is as under:

Year	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Amount Allocated (Rupees in lakhs)	539650.00	291154.31	165447.91

(b) Details are enclosed as Statement *(See* below).

(c) Amount allocated under SGRY in a financial year was received in the Demands for Grants of this Ministry during that year.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) Entire SGRY programme has been subsumed in National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) with effect from 1* April, 2008 and, therefore, no allocation has been made for the SGRY during the year 2008-09.

Statement

State-wise details of amount spent under SGRY Scheme during the last three years

		Expenditure reported by States (Rs. in Lakhs)		
ll.N	State	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
1.	Andhra Pradesh	- 37705.06	12136.70	4563.65
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	675.53	1006.80	156.79
3.	Assam	4649928	42240.89	22224.01
4.	Bihar	7319524	22379.82	0.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	22093.18	704038	1142.50
6.	Goa	319.55	393.63	59.62
7.	Gujarat	16887.56	11793.11	627021
8.	Haryana	9531.74	8497.40	637726
9.	Himachal Pradesh	3587.90	2600.57	1428.75
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	4570.88	3745.79	0.00
11.	Jharkhand	52866.14	4694.11	0.00
12.	Karnataka	30855.62	22698.15	938228
13.	Kerala	15532.67	9356.48	7484.10
14.	Madhya Pradesh	4549635	2365021	12744.72
15.	Maharashtra	53360.78	33788.58	1988625
16.	Manipur	96620	2746.06	1922
17.	Meghalaya	3503.10	265629	1205.59
18.	Mizoram	98829	772.02	502.00
19.	Nagaland	198925	82335	598.35
20.	Orissa	35694.05	13222.67	5267.61
21.	Punjab	6246.18	8401.81	5832.84
22.	Rajasthan	2342321	19338.04	1174439
23.	Sikkim	1076.58	814.81	10030
24.	Tamil Nadu	35587.77	26802.50	23920.16
25.	Tripura	6155.50	496727	974.47
26.	Uttarakhand	935823	690134	426526
27.	Uttar Pradesh	12896523	72199.55	41254.70
28.	West Bengal	3777937	1945323	798.06
29.	A & N Islands	88.03	1936	1138
30.	D&NHaveli	0.00	0.00	0.00
31.	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00
32.	Lakshadweep	4420	1320	47.02
33.	Puducherry	18624	19838	64.67

*Provisional